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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/8/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendments made to Claims 1-13, 15-16, and 18-37 have been considered.
2. New Claims 38-40 have been considered.
3. No claims have been cancelled.
4. Claims 1-30 and 38-40 are now in condition for allowance.
5. Claims 31-37 will be in condition for allowance upon application of examiner's amendments as shown below.
6. The Specification shall be in compliance upon application of examiner's amendments as shown below.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

7. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
8. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ted Crawford (No. 50,610) on 8/17/2006.
9. The following is the specification as it should appear in amended form (Page 20, lines 17-20):

For example, a machine-accessible medium may well include a computer readable medium including: read only memory (ROM); random access memory (RAM); magnetic disk storage media; optical storage media; flash memory devices; and communication media consisting of electrical, optical, acoustical or other form of propagated signals (e.g., carrier waves, infrared signals, digital signals); and the like.

10. The following are Claims 31-37 as they should appear in amended form:

- Claim 31. (Currently Amended): A ~~storage-medium~~ computer readable medium comprising content, when executed by a machine, causes the machine to determine a characteristic of a memory request based on a page management indicator associated with the memory request; and selectively leave an accessed memory page open after a memory access based, at least in part, on the characteristic of the memory request.
- Claim 32. (Currently Amended): A ~~storage-medium~~ computer readable medium according to claim 31, wherein the page management indicator indicated a type of memory request associated with an agent making the memory request, the type of memory request to include one of an instruction memory request or a data memory request, the memory page to remain open after the memory access if the page management indicator indicated an instruction memory request and the memory page to close after the memory access if the page management indicator indicates a data memory request.
- Claim 33. (Currently Amended): A ~~storage-medium~~ computer readable medium according to claim 31, further comprising the machine to: determine another characteristics of the memory request based on a spatial locality for the memory request, as compared to at least a subset of pending memory requests, the spatial locality determined based on whether the memory request, as compared to the at least a subset of pending memory requests is to a same memory page as the at least a subset of pending memory requests.
- Claim 34. (Currently Amended): A ~~storage-medium~~ computer readable medium according to claim 31, further comprising the machine to: determine another characteristic of the memory request based on an arbitration scheme.
- Claim 35. (Currently Amended): A ~~storage-medium~~ computer readable medium according to claim 34, wherein the arbitration scheme is based, at least in part, on a priority associated with the memory request.
- Claim 36. (Currently Amended): A ~~storage-medium~~ computer readable medium according to claim 35, wherein the priority associated with the memory request is based, at least in part, on fairness.
- Claim 37. (Currently Amended): A ~~storage-medium~~ computer readable medium according to claim 35, wherein the priority associated with the memory request is based, at least in part, on quality of service.

Allowable Subject Matter

11. Claims 1-40 are allowed.

12. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The independent Claims 1, 15, 20, 23, 31 and 38 embody the same teachings, with their differences consisting of methods and systems. Claim 1 will therefore be described in detail, with all descriptions applying equally to Claims 15, 20, 23, 31 and 38.

13. The allowability of Claim 1 will be described in detail. Originally, Claim 1 was rejected due to its unoriginal qualities of determining at least one characteristic of a memory request. However, the amended Claim teaches a method of determining a characteristic based on a page management indicator that is associated with the memory request. This idea is novel, since the method must include the determination of only one characteristic, and because the page management indicator must be associated with the memory request. These limitations cause the invention to be original, and no prior art reads on the claim due to its specificity. Since the teachings of Claim 1 are presented in a non-obvious manner, the requirements for allowability are fulfilled.

14. All claims dependent on independent claims 1, 15, 20, 23, 31 and 38 are in condition for allowance.

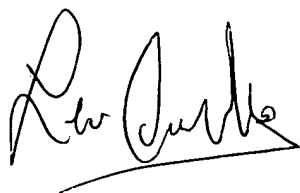
15. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lev I. Iwashko whose telephone number is (571)272-1658. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, from 8-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matt Kim can be reached on (571)272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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